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Assistant Director for Operations 4 September 1952

Acting Chief, FBID

Progress Report for August 1952

ADMINISTRATION

1. The Pakistan survey team will rendezvous in Karachi in mid-September. A change in ship schedules will delay the arrival of equipment for the survey at least one week beyond the previous ETA of 13 September.

2. The Department of Justice has advised that purchase of land near Santa Rosa, California, for the new West Coast Bureau has been completed and that title to both the Peterson and MacMurray tracts now rests with the Government.

Considerable progress has been made in determining a floor plan for the new station. [redacted] Chief Engineer of the West Coast Bureau, provided valuable assistance during two week's TDY in Washington. 50X1

3. All facilities including antennae have been completely constructed at the [redacted] Although poor during the summer, reception is improving, and the Bureau's contribution to FBID coverage may soon be better evaluated. 50X1

4. Excavation for the Okinawa Bureau BOQ-Club-Shelter is progressing satisfactorily. The VOA office in New York has requested the construction contractor to furnish revised estimates for the second group of eight typhoon-proof houses.

5. Cooperation between the BBC Monitoring Service and the FBIS was some time ago extended to the loan of equipment from one activity to the other for test and comparison. This interchange of equipment for test is aimed at making available to both activities the latest information on equipment for doing the best possible monitoring job. At present FBIS is testing at its East Coast Bureau a new British receiver and a British version of a Dictaphone belt recorder.

6. Communications:

a. ASA refusal to approve signals traffic from FBID Far Eastern bureaus in the format operationally necessary for FBID has been resolved among Office of Communications, Army Communications System, and ASA on the Washington level, on the

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principle that ASA responsibilities are confined to procedural lines and that FBID may use any consistent format it chooses within the text of its messages. This agreement has not yet been implemented in the field. Negotiations on this subject have been protracted for more than sixty days due largely to an apparent low level of liaison among OC, ACS, and ASA, and apparent recalcitrance on the part of ASA Tokyo.

b. FBID was authorized to comply with an Army Communications Service request to lease a teletype line from Reseda to San Francisco in order to relieve [redacted] 50X1 of FBIS signals traffic. The new circuit will be activated in mid-September.

c. The problem of relaying FBIS London and Cyprus teletype material to VOA Munich in the face of Heidelberg Signal Center's reluctance to accept messages double-addressed to Munich was temporarily resolved by patching the VOA line directly to the FBIS London-Heidelberg line. Since under this procedure VOA Munich receives considerable traffic not intended for it, further efforts are being made to arrange for VOA lease of a direct London-Munich circuit.

7. The move of the German Bureau to other quarters in the I. G. Farben Building in Frankfurt has been postponed from 1 September to 15 September.

8. Personnel:

a. Applications are in process for four of the existing six teletypist vacancies in FBID Departmental Headquarters. Entrance on duty is expected within three months.

b. Increases in overseas bureau native T/O's were requested for one chauffeur at the Mediterranean Bureau and four guards at the Okinawa Bureau.

c. Linguist recruiting for the Mediterranean Bureau has produced acceptable candidates, subject to security vetting, in Arabic, Armenian, Georgian, Persian, Turkish and Turkestani.

9. The DD(A) reported favorably on his inspection of FBIS bureaus.

10. Official overseas travel:

a. [redacted] Chief Broadcasting Information Section, FBID, commenced official travel to Pakistan via London and Cyprus on 26 August. 50X1

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OPERATIONS

11. A proposed agenda for the forthcoming Joint FBIS-BBC Co-ordination Committee meeting in November was submitted to the ADO for approval before forwarding to the Head, BBC Monitoring Service. Items proposed by FBIS for discussion include coverage of USSR Baltic regional transmitters, Asiatic coverage from Pakistan and India, FBIS-BBC editorial standardization, Cyprus-Caversham coverage coordination, FBIS propaganda analysis, and communications.

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13. VOA New York was authorized to extend the FBIS Wire Service to the Canadian Broadcasting Company in Montreal.

14. A VOA staff officer consulted FBID on the possibility of a Wire Service to Manila paralleling the recently inaugurated service to Munich. It is understood that VOA is budgeting Manila activities for 1954. FBID can supply the required material if VOA can obtain ACS agreement to the use of Signals facilities for the purpose.

15. Based on recent VOA release of FBID material to the NEW YORK TIMES, a formal request was presented to the Director, International Broadcasting Service, Department of State, that future issuance of FBIS Wire material be made only with specific prior approval of CIA.

SPECIAL REPORTS

16. Arrangements were made to obviate some two week's reproduction delay in delivering Far East CPW reports to their principal user, FE/PO/PT, by providing copies of the field report to that office immediately upon receipt.

17. Arrangements were made to deliver to OCI an advance copy of the weekly "Political Abstracts" prior to normal publication for the use of its Soviet Strategy Staff in preparing the Agency's weekly report to the President.

18. The first issue of "Trends and Highlights of Peking Broadcasts" is scheduled for 1 October 1952.

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Enclosures

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I Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production
II Local Services Rendered by the Field
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I. Daily Averages of Field Bureau Production - 16 July to 15 August 1952

SUMMARY

FIELD BUREAU	DAILY HOURS MONITORED	DAILY WORDAGE FILED	WORDAGE PUBLISHED
Tokyo	22 hrs.	9,550	3,740
Hokkaido	3 hrs. 45 min.	1,300	300
Okinawa	77 hrs.	16,370	11,360
Saigon		3,600 *	2,500
West Coast	87 hrs. 15 min.	23,500	13,400
East Coast	130 hrs.	26,094	10,058
London	254 hrs.	33,300	20,800
Germany	3 hrs. 25 min.	5,470 *	4,520
Austria	3 hrs. 30 min.	4,300 *	2,700
Mediterranean	57 hrs.	21,200	13,300
TOTALS	637 hrs. 55 min.	146,684	82,678

* Includes press scrutiny

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II. Local Services Rendered by the Field

London Bureau

Daily reviews of USSR, Satellite and German broadcasts are delivered to local users in London and sent by teletype to consumers in Western Europe; i.e., American Embassy offices in London, Paris and the Hague; G-2 EUCOM; G-2 Frankfurt; HICOG, Frankfurt; North Atlantic Treaty Organization; SHAPE, etc.

A 20,000-word daily selection from Soviet and Satellite broadcasts monitored at London and the Mediterranean Bureau is transmitted by wire from London to the Munich studios of Voice of America.

Tokyo Bureau

All processed intercepts are sent to staff sections of the Far East Command. Korean material is filed to the 8th Army and to the American Embassy in Pusan. Selected material from Chinese International Service programs is filed to U. S. Information Service, Formosa.

Okinawa Bureau

All processed intercepts are filed to Tokyo for FEC staff sections. Peking material dealing with FEAF aerial action and POW's, and Pyongyang POW broadcast material is transmitted to Intelligence Section, FEAF. All Korean material is filed to U. S. Embassy, Pusan. A selected file of Korean intercepts is sent to G-2, Eighth Army. Weekly analyses of Chinese Communist international and regional broadcasts are filed to Tokyo CINCFE for FEC staff sections. A log of Vietnam News Agency (Ho Government) and GMR (unidentified Communist station) items is regularly wirefiled to Saigon for comparison purposes by "counterparts." All Caodai National Resistance Front material is transmitted to FBIS, Saigon, for dissemination to local clients. A selected file of Pyongyang, Peking, and Vietnam material is transmitted to G-2, Ryukyus Command.

Saigon Bureau

All processed material is filed to Tokyo for FEC staff sections. Copies are delivered to the American Embassies in Saigon and Phnom Penh, to USIS Saigon, and to the Office of the Army Attache in Saigon. Selected material is given to the Mutual Security Agency Information Division and to the Military Assistance Advisory Group.

West Coast Bureau

Selected material is filed to Tokyo for FEC staff sections and for Intelligence Section, FEAF.

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East Coast Bureau

Daily distribution of an epidemiological bulletin of the World Health Organization is made to the Office of Scientific Intelligence.

German Bureau

All processed material is filed to HICOG offices in Bonn and in Frankfurt, and to the Information Control Section of the 7997 Composite Group, Frankfurt Military Post.

Austrian Bureau

A daily file of selected material is furnished the Office of the Chief of Staff, U.S. Forces in Austria. The complete file of the Austrian Bureau is supplied to the Intelligence Coordination Branch, USFA, and to G-2, USFA Rear, Salzburg.

Mediterranean Bureau

Copies of all processed Soviet Kurdish language intercepts are airmailed to the American Embassies in Baghdad and Tehran. Selected Balkan material is airmailed to the American Embassy in Athens.

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FBIS MONTHLY PERSONNEL REPORT

August 1952

1. New Employees Entering on Duty:

Name, Title, Grade	Assignment	Effective Date
	East Coast Bureau	1 August 1952
	West Coast Bureau	12 August 1952
	Editorial Branch	14 August 1952

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2. Separations:

Name, Title, Grade	Assignment	Action	
	Editorial Branch	Death	25 August 1952
	East Coast Bureau	Resignation	18 August 1952
	Editorial Branch	Resignation	15 August 1952
	Editorial Branch	Resignation	18 August 1952

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3. Promotions:

Name, Assignment	Old Grade, Title	New Grade, Title	Effective Date
[redacted]	Radio Operator GS-5	Radio Operator GS-7	3 August 1952
	Info Spec (Fgn Brdcst) GS-9	Info Spec (Fgn Brdcst) GS-11	17 August 1952
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst) GS-9	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst) GS-11	17 August 1952
	Clerk GS-4	Clerk GS-5	17 August 1952
	Info Officer GS-14	Info Officer GS-15	3 August 1952
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst) GS-5	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst) GS-7	3 August 1952
	Intelligence Officer GS-9	Intelligence Officer GS-11	3 August 1952
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst) GS-7	Intelligence Officer GS-9	31 August 1952
	Brdcst Info Spec GS-5	Brdcst Info Spec GS-7	17 August 1952

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4. Reassignments:

Name	Old Grade, Title, Assignment	New Grade, Title, Assignment	Effective Date
	Electronic Engineer, GS-9 West Coast Bureau	Electronic Engineer, GS-11 Hokkaido Bureau	17 August 1952
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst), GS-7 Editorial Branch	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst), GS-9 Saigon Bureau	17 August 1952
	Electronic Engineer, GS-12 East Coast Bureau	Electronic Engineer, GS-12 Okinawa Bureau	31 July 1952
	Electronic Engineer, GS-9 Okinawa Bureau	Electronic Engineer, GS-9 East Coast Bureau	21 July 1952
	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst), GS-12 London Bureau	Info Spec(Fgn Brdcst), GS-12 Editorial Branch	6 August 1952

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5. Summary:

Organizational Segment	AMERICAN Auth. Ceiling O.D.	AMERICAN In Proc.	NATIVE Auth. O.D.	E.O.D.	Term.	REASSIGNMENT From	REASSIGNMENT To	REASSIGNMENT Within	PROMOTIONS
Departmental									
East Coast Bureau									
West Coast Bureau									
Tokyo Bureau									
Hokkaido Bureau									
Okinawa Bureau									
Mediterranean Bureau									
Austrian Bureau									
German Bureau									
London Bureau									
Saigon Bureau									
TOTALS									

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